

Subject: Chat with Patrick Frey

From: Patrick Frey <patterico@gmail.com>

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Patrick: I thought Project PM was partially about posing as others using sock puppets

me: one second

me: okay, sorry

me: Project PM has never been about that, where did you get that impression?

Patrick: Maybe I'm wrong, I admit ignorance on the whole thing

Patrick: Vague memory

Patrick: Something Rauhauser said, I think

Patrick: You don't know how to spell his name???

me: Okay, Project PM started in late 2009 and was originally intended to incubate experimental online activism/philanthropy/blogging setups, I talked about it in my outlets like HuffPo, Vanity Fair, Skeptical Inquirer when I was recruiting

Patrick: Rauhauser has described himself as a participant

me: He probably thought of himself as a participant, he hung out in our IRC channel off and on for a while, originally under his own name

me: As I recall he was keen on telling us about various networks he was developing by which to keep congressmen apprised of policy info via their assistants or what have you

me: As back then, our focus was largely on building either a blogging network based around a schematic I designed, and then using a similar schematic for crowd-sourced projects along the lines of our Science Journalism Improvement Project

me: at any rate, that's how I met the guy, I'm assuming he found out about PM via one of my HuffPo posts

me: one sec, just saw you sent an e-mail

Patrick: Don't take offense

me: Er, okay

Patrick: It's characteristically blunt

me: Regarding me being unlikely to take McCain at face value, that's absolutely true, considering the circumstances

Patrick: Most people live their lives as bullshitters and I don't want to be that way

me: but in this case he's excerpting something that Neal wrote in his own words

Patrick: True enough

me: So it doesn't matter who put it forward and whether or not I trust the person excerpting it

me: I knew that Neal did something involving Twitter but didn't know the nature of it until I saw your post from the other day in which you lay out these various bizarre messages about this woman "asking for it" or what have you

Patrick: What woman asking for it?

Patrick: I don't remember that

me: Also I understand your general suspicion since Neal has been involved in some extent with portions of Anonymous and all that,

me: one sec, I'll show you

me: it's on one of your recent posts, him or one of his people say something like "you weren't raped it was rough sex"

Patrick: OccupyRebellion

Patrick: Mocking Liberty Chick

me: yes

Patrick: Well, look

Patrick: Everything I tell you is with the thought in mind that you could be the earnest Barrett Brown I like to think of you as being,

Patrick: or

me: I guess the best way for me to get you to understand that I'm in earnest is to explain that I'm in some degree of contact with a huge number of people, and am not able or inclined to keep track of everything everyone does

Patrick: You could be Neal's best buddy dispatched to find out what I know

Patrick: I'll just tell the truth either way

Patrick: Neal has openly declared that he wants to see me:

Patrick: fired

Patrick: bankrupted

Patrick: sued

Patrick: disgraced

Patrick: prosecuted for God knows what crimes

Patrick: and so forth

me: Yeah, I'm not sure how to convince you otherwise

Patrick: I believe he is a psychopath

Patrick: And he is FIXATED on me by all accounts

Patrick: Don't worry about it

Patrick: Again: I'm being straight with you no matter what your role is

Patrick: He has done his level best to make it seem as though he was involved in my SWATting

me: I would simply say that I don't hold you responsible for the things that McCain does, even though he has publicly accused me of being an FBI informant twice in the past month, because I know that every relationship is nuanced, that not everyone knows or approves of everything that every other person does that he has any sort of contact with

Patrick: And though I know you have no love for federal law enforcement, I hope they get to the bottom of that

Patrick: You know McCain and I have scrapped

me: Yes, I do

Patrick: I have not taken back anything I said

Patrick: But what I said was misportrayed by some

Patrick: And I believe he is doing an energetic and good job revealing Neal's role in the

harassment suffered by me and others

Patrick: Put it this way:

Patrick: Stacy McCain never took any action to have me killed

Patrick: I can't say the same about Neal with any confidence

Patrick: You a fan of Jay Leiderman?

me: Anyway, I wrote you that e-mail because I generally disapprove of what Neal seems to have been involved with, and am not asking you for any info, and will happily answer any questions you might have, although I haven't followed all of this closely enough to have much insight

Patrick: Represents Commander X? Hero to Anonymous activists? Right?

me: Yes and no

me: He doesn't represent Commander X

Patrick: Elaborate please

Patrick: Then the media articles I read are wrong

Patrick: Because they say he does

me: I met Leiderman a while back, he helped to arrange pro bono defense for many of the people who were raided and then charged with the DDOS attacks against Paypal last year

Patrick: What a guy

Patrick: You guys are supposedly in favor of free speech, right?

me: X has another lawyer who actually technically repped him, Leiderman has simply assisted on that and other cases

Patrick: But I guess you will profess ignorance on Leiderman's thug tactics against me

Patrick: Right?

me: Excuse me

Patrick: You know he is representing someone suing me because of a BLOG POST I did

Patrick: Don't you???

Patrick: Do you not know that?

me: I don't know what tactics you're referring to, and if you'd like to tell me I'll listen, but keep in mind that I don't know everything

Patrick: I am asking

Patrick: Neal arranged for that representation

me: Can you not ask by starting with "I guess you'll profess ignorance"?

Patrick: OK

Patrick: I feel defensive because I know you have had interactions with the guy and he is trying to sue me for a blog post

Patrick: It seems like you would know about that, but I'll be fair to you and just ask if you do

me: On whose behalf is he suing you, Neals?

Patrick: Nadia Naffe

Patrick: Neal arranged it

Patrick: Neal and Leiderman have also discussed suing me and others for RICO

me: I've seen her being retweeted, not sure exactly what her deal is?

Patrick: Simple

Patrick: Neal put her up to suing me

Patrick: On behalf of Kimberlin

Patrick: That's her deal

Patrick: The. End.

me: So, they've sent you something about that?

Patrick: Suing me and my boss, actually

Patrick: Nah

Patrick: I read about it all online

Patrick: On Breitbart Unmasked

Patrick: On emails from Neal sent to others that they forward to me

Patrick: Etc.

Patrick: On Nadia's Twitter feed

Patrick: I know there is a civil claim against me and my boss

Patrick: But I get to learn all about it by reading about it on Twitter feeds and sites associated with Neal and Nadia and Kimberlin

Patrick: Lawsuits to retaliate against people for commentary on public controversies: is that part of the Anonymous creed?

Patrick: Because it's sure part of Neal's creed

Patrick: And Kimberlin's

Patrick: It would be interesting to see you publicly pronounce on this

Patrick: I thought Anonymous stood for free speech. But Neal's version stands for free speech of the sort he likes -- and retaliating against the sort he doesn't like

me: I've told you, just now, via e-mail, that I don't approve of Neal, and have apologized to you for having associated with him

me: As for Anonymous

Patrick: He also has gone after my wife on numerous occasions

Patrick: Which is totally thuggish as she is a Democrat and doesn't even agree with my politics. But I love her because my life is about more than just politics

me: There's quite a bit I don't approve of that has gone on under its "banner," and I've been pretty vocal about that

Patrick: I am not a political automaton

Patrick: I am a human being with a family

me: You don't need to tell me that, I don't think you are

Patrick: And a job that Neal Rauhauser and Brett Kimberlin are trying their level best to get me fired from

Patrick: A job I do well

Patrick: And honestly, and ethically

Patrick: And your pal Leiderman is part of their little jihad

me: Can you please slow down a bit and keep in mind that I'm trying to do the right thing here?

Patrick: I wouldn't be talking to you if I didn't think that was at least a possibility

me: The whole reason I approached you is that I've seen some of this via these recent posts

and don't like what's been directed at you

Patrick: But I'm not stupid either, and I am suspicious, and if my suspicion is unfair as directed at you I hope you don't take it personally

Patrick: I am suspicious but open-minded

Patrick: You have always seemed to have a good heart

me: I understand that, but please remember, again, that I'm answering any questions you have

Patrick: Maybe you fooled me but that's how you have come across

me: If you want to trade stories about who's family is being targeted by who's faction, I can tell you some great stuff about what the FBI is doing to my mom

me: Otherwise, let's keep this on point

Patrick: Well, you owe it to yourself to learn more about Jay Leiderman and his involvement with trying to ruin my life

Patrick: I'd listen to what the FBI is doing to your mom

Patrick: I'm no fan of the FBI these days as I think they have been cavalier about what happened to me and my family

me: There's no reason for me to tell you about it because it won't help anything and it's not something you yourself did

Patrick: OK

me: I just want you to understand that I'm also being targeted and that although I want to be helpful to whomever is being wronged, and do understand that you're being wronged, and although I'm willing to do whatever is the right thing even if it's going to cause me additional problems I don't need, I also don't want to be spoken to along those lines

Patrick: There are people who would say I am crazy for even talking to you. Maybe I am. I assume the FBI monitors your chat logs, as I have always said. I don't say anything that I would be embarrassed to have revealed

Patrick: "I also don't want to be spoken to along those lines" -- what do you mean?

me: As for Leiderman

Patrick: Look, I try to give everyone the respect they have earned. As far as I know, you have treated me with respect. I don't want you to see me as a sucker, but I don't mean to insult you in any way

me: That's fine

me: Look, what questions do you have for me, and I'll answer them

Patrick: I'll give you the benefit of the doubt as I think you have tried to be straight with me

Patrick: Leiderman?

Patrick: Expound on him; brb

me: Well, mostly I just know him via efforts I was making in early 2011 to arrange pro bono defense for those who were raided, and he's also provided advice to various other activists and all of that, but vis a vis this situation with you, I don't know much. Neal sent me a message about six months ago give or take that he had gotten Leiderman to rep him on something but I didn't pay attention to what, or maybe he didn't say

Patrick: Can you forward that?

me: I don't know what he personally knows even about Reahauser, or what he's been told by him, or whatever

me: It wasn't an e-mail, is the problem

Patrick: RaUhauser

Patrick: So?

Patrick: Screenshot it and forward it

me: most of the communications I've gotten from him have been on IRC or Skype messaging

me: No, as in don't still have it, assuming you're not familiar with how IRC works but one has to actively log convos to keep them

Patrick: Never used it

me: It's popular with Anons and the "other side" as well, sort of a niche medium

me: anyway

Patrick: Well, if you truly disapprove of the guy and his actions, I would appreciate your forwarding whatever he has sent you in the past 1-2 years

me: as for Skype

Patrick: That you can

me: it only keeps from last 3 months, and the only text messages I have from him on skype consist of him expressing irritation that I haven't picked up his calls

me: as in

me: [3/8/2012 9:38:37 PM] Neal Rauhauser: meh

[3/12/2012 1:15:15 AM] Neal Rauhauser: oh

[5/25/2012 12:57:10 AM] Neal Rauhauser: Hey

[6/1/2012 8:54:16 PM] *** Missed call from Neal Rauhauser. ***

Patrick: Well

Patrick: How about what I described that Leiderman is doing to me? Thumbs up or thumbs down from you?

me: as for gmail

Patrick: Go ahead, about Gmail

me: I've got a number of messages from him over last year, most of which I never responded to, some of which appear to be sent to about ten people and are generally updates regarding his weiner twitter nonsense

Patrick: I'd be interested in all those

Patrick: You already sent me a couple

me: then some about occupy, a couple of irritating ones about something he didn't like about some aspect of Anon that he seems to have thought I had some control over, etc

Patrick: I'd be interested in any and all emails from him

Patrick: He's trying to destroy my life due to some fantasy he has (or at least professes to have) about me and Weiner

Patrick: As if I would care that much about some Congressman from New York

me: there don't seem to be any more here with your name in them other than the two I sent you

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Patrick: Up to you

Patrick: Don't know what you really think of him

Patrick: As for Leiderman

Patrick: I would like an answer as to your thoughts about his trying to sue me out of a job

me: Pat, I'd really have to see what Leiderman himself has said or done in regards to suing you out of your job before I comment on that

me: I haven't asked you to say anything about McCain trying to claim I'm likely to throw a grenade at the Pentagon

Patrick: Read my blog about Nadia Naffe

me: Neal obviously has a tendency to exaggerate what he's doing and who approves/is involved, and frankly

Patrick: <http://patterico.com/2012/06/12/more-evidence-emerges-of-brett-kimberlins-involvement-in-nadia-naffe-litigation-against-me/>

me: If I do get an indication that Leiderman is actually going to try to sue you, I'll talk to him and tell him to reconsider and pass on whatever message from you or do whatever else is appropriate from my end

Patrick: Oh, Leiderman is the lawyer on the lawsuit against me

Patrick: Read what I just sent you

me: So there is a lawsuit?

Patrick: Right now it's a civil claim

Patrick: A "tort claims act" claim

Patrick: Precursor to a civil suit in regular court

Patrick: Read the link I just sent

Patrick: Also, this:

Patrick: Nadia Naffe's civil claim against me — Nadia Naffe has now filed a civil claim against me and my boss Steve Cooley — and the lawyer is Jay Leiderman, an online buddy of Neal Rauhauser's who put out a request on a defense attorney mailing list to investigate whether any defense attorneys don't like me. Although I have not seen the legal claim myself, excerpts of Naffe's legal claim have appeared at the web site of self-described Kimberlin supporter and Rauhauser friend BreitbartUnmasked.com. Before the claim was filed, Rauhauser and @BreitbartUnmasked encouraged Naffe to file the sorts of claims that appear in the civil claim.

Naffe has publicly said that she plans to use her lawsuit against me to ask questions in discovery about the value of my house — a topic in which Rauhauser and @OccupyRebellion have expressed interest in the past. According to a friend of mine, Naffe has also said that she plans to ask me and my wife under oath the true identity of conservative blogger Ace of Spades. Which is not something she ought to care about, since Ace had never said a word about her (although he has now).

You know who cares about Ace's identity? Brett Kimberlin supporter @BreitbartUnmask. He has written entire posts about Ace's identity. And before I was swatted, someone threatened me by email. That person threatened one other person the same night: Ace of Spades.

Additionally, Brett Kimberlin has used a subpoena in the Seth Allen lawsuit to subpoena James O'Keefe's stolen emails from Naffe — despite the fact that there has been a final judgment in that lawsuit.

Patrick: From this post:

Patrick: <http://patterico.com/2012/05/25/convicted-bomber-brett-kimberlin-neal-rauhauser-ron-brynaert-and-their-campaign-of-political-terrorism/>

Patrick: Leiderman is ABSOLUTELY a lawyer in a civil claim against me and my boss

Patrick: Arranged by Neal

Patrick: ABSOLUTELY

Patrick: And

Patrick: He was snooping around on me, using a defense attorney email list

Patrick: I heard about it from the defense attorney on one of my cases

Patrick: Said Leiderman sent out an email asking about me

me: And what is the complaint, or grounds?

Patrick: Read this post:

Patrick: <http://patterico.com/2012/03/24/documents-from-nadia-naffes-race-discrimination-case-against-the-rnc-the-computer-that-was-never-returned/>

Patrick: Let me know when you're done

me: okay

Patrick: See where I link her depo?

me: So she's trying to sue you for having allegedly provided advice to O'Keefe?

Patrick: It's hundreds of pages, straight from PACER

me: or, rather, filing a bar complaint?

Patrick: Hang on one second

Patrick: You see that

Patrick: One, two, three = links to her depo

Patrick: See it?

Patrick: "The relevance of the laptop is described in her deposition, which I found on PACER as well, in three parts: one, two, and three. "

me: yes, these are PDFs that will take me a while to download

Patrick: All public documents, you agree?

me: sure

Patrick: I found them on PACER

Patrick: OK

Patrick: Well, the idiots who uploaded them didn't redact what they were supposed to redact

Patrick: So

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Patrick: They asked her her SS#

Patrick: It was in there

Patrick: I had NO IDEA

Patrick: Within maybe an hour or so of my putting it up, Ron Brynaert triumphantly announced on Twitter that I had published her SS#

Patrick: Which of course I had no intention of doing

Patrick: I IMMEDIATELY took it down

me: Okay, let's stop right there, on Ron Brynaert

Patrick: But now she is suing me for, supposedly, deliberately putting up her SS#

Patrick: To intimidate her

me: You know that this guy has been harassing me as well?

Patrick: I would believe it

Patrick: He is CRAZY

Patrick: Anyway

Patrick: I took it down

Patrick: Redacted it

me: And thinks I run some sort of major conspiracy involving the media

Patrick: And put it back up

Patrick: And your pal Leiderman

Patrick: Now sues me

Patrick: Claiming I was trying to intimidate her

Patrick: By publishing her SS# and her "medical records"

Patrick: Because she was asked in the depo what medications she takes, and she answered

Patrick: So:

Patrick: I put up public docs from PACER

Patrick: And Leiderman and Naffe sue me

Patrick: There you have it

Patrick: That is the claim

Patrick: All arranged by Neal

Patrick: And Kimberlin

Patrick: I have the screenshots showing they arranged for Leiderman to be her lawyers

Patrick: lawyer

Patrick: And that they encouraged her to file a complaint with my office

Patrick: Neal and Brett are using her and Leiderman to 1) sue me and 2) try to get me fired

Patrick: Nice, ethical, and moral, huh?

Patrick: You support that?

me: No, I don't

Patrick: That's your pal Leiderman

Patrick: He's in league with Neal on this

Patrick: 100%

Patrick: 100%

9 of 11 **me:** So, what would you like me to do on this?

Patrick: It's thuggish

Patrick: It's anti free speech

Patrick: It's everything you are supposedly against

Patrick: Oppose it, publicly

Patrick: Speak out

me: Now, if I do so

me: As in, if I take up your side on this, publicly, in whatever outlets I have remaining to me

Patrick: Yes?

Patrick: You'll confuse the hell out of a lot of people

me: Are you going to follow my example and call out McCain for the several posts he's written about me being an FBI informant?

me: The reason I ask is because

me: I'm more than happy to answer your questions, like I have, things along those lines.

me: I just don't know what my responsibility should be to you, in terms of conflicts you're involved in with a lawyer to whom I'm somewhat indebted for having helped to ensure that various young people who are facing 15 years for DDOSing a corporate website get free legal representation

me: Like I said, I don't like Neal, and obviously Brett Kimberlin is deranged

me: It's just that you're asking me to take your side in a conflict between you and another party with whom I'm acquainted, Liederman, whereas I just don't think you would be inclined to take my side in a matter between and another party with whom you're acquainted, McCain

me: Do you think that's a reasonable question/point for me to make?

Patrick: It comes down to this:

Patrick: 1) Have I proven to you that the lawsuit against me is bullshit?

Patrick: 2) Have you proven to me that McCain's allegations about you are bullshit?

Patrick: I like to think of myself as intellectually honest

Patrick: You KNOW the shit I have taken from my side for calling them out when I thought it was right

Patrick: Don't deny that

Patrick: So

Patrick: I am not looking for a "deal" here

me: As for 2), you and I haven't spent 45 minutes discussing McCain's allegations against you, whereas we've just spent 45 minutes discussing Liederman's participation in something against you

Patrick: If you prove to me that McCain is saying bullshit about you, I'll call it bullshit

me: I don't mean to imply anything in terms of a "deal"

Patrick: If you think I have proven Liederman's lawsuit is bullshit, I'd like you to call it bullshit

Patrick: Not a deal

Patrick: Just intellectual honesty

Patrick: Send me whatever proof you like that McCain is full of it

Patrick: I'll look at it

Patrick: I think I have a track record

Patrick: I call out bullshit when I see it

me: What I mean is that I would obviously have to think more about this and talk to Leiberman and see what exactly they're thinking in terms of this before I would go out and denounce him

Patrick: You can't really plausibly deny that

Patrick: Whatever

me: Just as you would need me to show you and discuss what McCain has said about me and why it's wrong before you'd go out and do anything about that

me: Again, does that make sense?

Patrick: Nadia wants to use the lawsuit to out Ace of Spades

Patrick: It's total fucking complete bullshit

me: Please keep in mind that I've forwarded you private e-mails from Neal concerning you, and I think that's a sign of good faith on my part

me: That I'm really trying to be intellectually honest and, moreover, functionally honest, despite the problems I would face to the extent that I get involved in this whole affair

me: I guess you left?